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In re the Application of

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SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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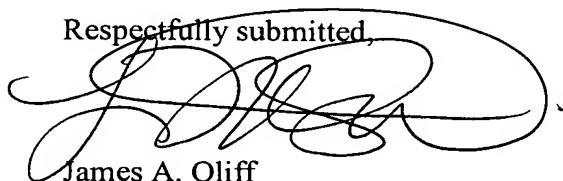
Sir:

On October 27, 2006, Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner Guadalupe-McCall. Following is Applicant's recollection of the substance of the interview that was conducted.

Applicant and the Examiner discussed the Amendment that was filed in the U.S. Patent Trademark Office on October 12, 2006. In particular, Applicants argued that U.S. Patent No. 5,212,872 (Spivey) fails to disclose or render obvious all the features of the pending claims. Applicants further argued that the other applied references, U.S. Patent No. 7,005,258 (Hajdukiewicz), U.S. Patent No. 6,886,265 (Fracheboud) and U.S. Patent No. 7,024,783 (Trull) do not qualify as prior art.

Examiner Guadalupe confirmed that the arguments presented, including those in the Amendment filed on October 12, 2006, overcome the outstanding rejections.

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